

FAASTeam presents:

Off Airport Landings

Helicopters have the ability to land safely in a very short distance, allowing for safe operations off-airport and access to landing zones impossible for fixed-wing aircraft. But without the FAA regulatory structure that protects airport and runway environment, the burden on ensuring a safe off-airport helicopter landing falls almost entirely on the pilot. Private pilot helicopter flight training touches on off-airport landing, but it is a rich topic area and one that a good pilot should investigate in substantially more depth.

SCFC helicopter instructor Rebecca Joseph invites SF Bay Area pilots for a discussion of the issues and challenges associated with off-airport helicopter operations, including:

- selection criteria of a suitable off-airport landing zone
- awareness factors regarding obstacles, air circulation patterns around buildings, and the possibility of hidden wire
- approach path planning including abort options
- awareness of hazards cause by proximity to pedestrians, animals, or moving vehicles
- and surface conditions required for safe touchdown

Helicopters are excluded from certain aviation

Event Details

Wed, Apr 15, 2015 - 19:00 PDT

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regulations that apply to fixed wing aircraft, and the differences related to off-airport operations will be discussed.

All helicopter pilots are invited to attend. Many of the concepts also have corollaries in fixed wing operations, so airplane pilots may find the discussion useful in the event of a forced landing off-runway.

Rebecca Joseph learned to fly helicopters in the US Army. After flying Medical Evacuation Blackhawks for nearly 10 years, she earned her civilian CFI and transitioned to teaching civilian aviation. She has accrued over 1000 flight hours since 2005, both military and civilian.

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Directions: Located in the Skyway Building, next to the Hiller Aviation Museum. Parking and entrance behind building. Suite 215 is upstairs in the northwest corner. Pilots who fly in should park in transient parking on the opposite side of the field and call the Flight Center for a ride (650) 946-1700.

A message from the National FAASTeam Manager

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